

# Don't Plant That, Plant This!



Unknowingly, many of us have planted invasive species in our yards. Invasive plants cause harm to the environment by crowding out the native plants that help support the butterflies, birds and the other wildlife with which they have co-evolved. Unfortunately, many of these plants are still being sold at garden centers. The following information will help you choose your plants more wisely.

-The Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission

## TREES

### Instead of planting this invasive:

Callery pear  
Mimosa  
Norway maple

### Plant this native!

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)  
Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)  
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) or Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

## SHRUBS

### Instead of planting this invasive:

Burning bush  
Butterfly bush  
English holly  
Japanese barberry  
Japanese spirea  
Privet  
Rose of Sharon

### Plant this native!

Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) or Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)  
Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) or Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)  
Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*) or Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)  
Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)  
New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) or Steeplebush (*Spiraea tomentosa*)  
Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*), or Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)  
Sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)

## VINES

### Instead of planting this invasive:

Chinese Wisteria  
English ivy  
Japanese honeysuckle

### Plant this native!

American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)  
Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)  
Scarlet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

## PERENNIALS

### Instead of planting this invasive:

Bishop's weed or goutweed  
Bugleweed  
Pachysandra  
Periwinkle  
Purple loosestrife

### Plant this native!

Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)  
Golden Ragwort (*Packera aurea*)  
Allegheny Pachysandra (*Pachysandra procumbens*)  
Common Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*) or Green and Gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)  
Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepius incarnata*)